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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2000.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending and have been examined in the present application. The Examiner has withdrawn the previous objections to the specification, abstract and drawings. Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Lawlor, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,870,724). Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lawlor in view of Pascoe (U.S. Patent 5,813,015). Claim 10 is rejected under § 103(a) over Konya (U.S. Patent 5,937,396) in view of Pascoe. Claims 11-21 have been rejected under § 103(a) over Konya in view of Pascoe further in view of Lawlor. In light of the below remarks, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The Final Office Action reiterates the rejection of claims 1-8 under § 102(e) over